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May Bulletin closing date

Strictly 25 April 2023

Late submissions will feature in the following month's edition.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL

1	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
1	Sat	Mooloo Meander hosted by Waikato Branch	
13	Thur	Noggin & Natter	7:30pm
15	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	***EARLY START! 11 am
19	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run - starts Warehouse Carpark, Old Westgate	10:00am
21-23		Highland Fling hosted by Bay of Plenty Branch	
22	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
25	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
26	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
27	Thur	Club Night - Review of the National Motorcycle Rally	7:30pm
29	Sat	Motorcycle Run - starts Jolly Farmer Carpark, Gt South Rd, Drury	11:00am
30	Sun	Vintage Muster - starts Ray Small Carpark, Elliot St, Papakura	10:00am

MAY

6	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
11	Thur	Entertainment Night	7:30pm
13	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting	2:30pm
17	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run - starts BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury	Note: earlier start time: 9:30am
17-19		Mid-week Tourer's Tour	
19-20		Northland Motorcycle Rally hosted by Northland Branch	
19-20		Auckland Classic Motorcycle Show - Trust Stadium, Henderson	
24	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm
25	Thur	Club Night	7:30pm
27	Sat	Vintage Meeting	2:30pm
28	Sun	Experts Rally	
30	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm

JUNE

3rd	Sat	Veteran Meeting	2:30pm
3-4		Irishman's Rally - hosted by Canterbury Branch	
8th	Thur	Entertainment Night	7:30pm
10th	Sat	Waikato Double 50 - see advertisement in email	
10th	Sat	Motorcycle Meeting <i>(one week early!)</i>	2:30pm
17th	Sat	Vintage Meeting <i>(one week early!)</i>	2:30pm
21st	Wed	Mid-week Tourer's Run	
22nd	Thur	Clubnight	7:30pm
24th	Sat	Branch AGM @ the clubrooms	2:00pm
25th	Sun	Clubrun – starts Morrison's Florists, 222 Universal Drive, Henderson	11:00am
27th	Tue	Committee Meeting	7:30pm
28th	Wed	Charabanc Maintenance Night	8:00pm

Note: The Clubrooms are open on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month from 7:30pm until 10:00pm and every Saturday afternoon from 4:30pm until 6:30pm.

Our Spares Dept is open during the clubrooms opening hours plus Thursday mornings from 9am to noon.

Tracey and I attended the Vintage Car Club Executive Meeting in Christchurch on 4th and 5th of March. For me, it was a chance to meet chairmen from other Branches around NZ.



After discussion as to whether Branches preferred the National President, her representative from Management Committee, or the Branch Chairman to present 50 and 60 year Awards in future, a vote was taken. The result being the status quo remains i.e. the National President or Representative will continue to present the Awards.

A start was made on the Constitution. This will be on-going for quite some time yet.

Three great speakers from LVVTA, The Federation of Motoring, and Alan Dick (motoring reporter and radio announcer) kept our attention throughout the weekend. See Tracey's Delegate report for more information as several items that will affect our club and motoring were discussed.

Diane Quarrie flew to Auckland the following Saturday and presented the following awards – 50 Year Recipients: Tony Forster, Doug Pinker, Monty Scarborough, and Richard Webb (absent). 35 Year Recipients: Bob Pickering and Christine Allbon (absent). 25 Year Recipient: John Shennan. Finally, Glenn Morris, while down in the Methven, was able to present 25 year badges to Dave & Christine Wight. Congratulations to you all.

I had a call from Auckland Council to say the drain between the Clubrooms and number 43 has been flushed out and the sediment cleared. Hopefully that, together with the installation of the eight retention tanks, will put an end to our flooding problems. The sandbags have been removed from the side and back doors.

The Brits and Euro Show at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga drew a huge crowd. Martin and Lynda manned our Branch Stand and handed out pamphlets to the public. Thank you to all who participated.

Our Club Captain works hard to find places of interest to finish our monthly Club Runs. Her reward is to see people turn up and enjoy themselves. Please support her.

Plans are in place for work to start on cleaning up and repainting the window security frames in preparation for new window coverings on the windows and ranch sliders in the clubrooms.

We are aware of Auckland members who have been South on different events – Penny and Murray Firth in their Bedford truck, who attended the Veteran & Vintage Tour starting in Wellington, the large motorcycle group who ventured to Southland to attend the National Motorcycle Rally and Burt Munro Festival and the Ford Model A contingent who have attended the Model A rally in Methven. Welcome back everyone.

Alan and I are now away for a few days in Motueka to attend the Jowett AGM and Rally.

See you all out and about when we return.
Safe motoring.
Shaaran

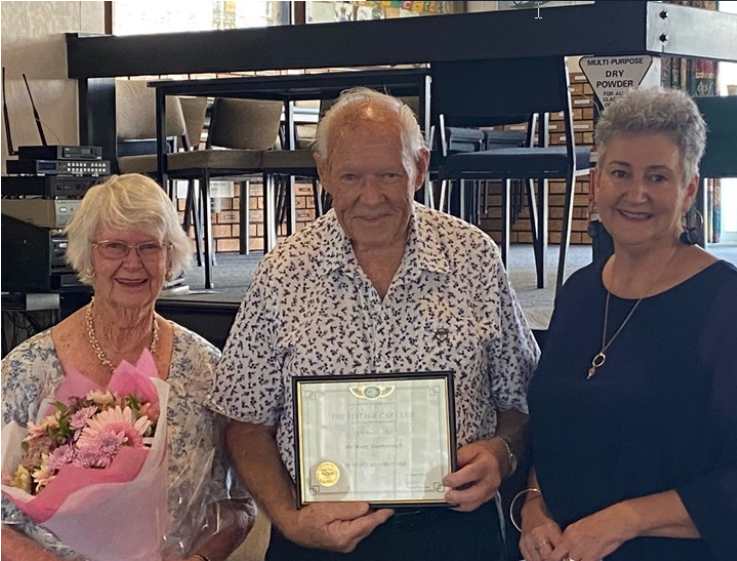
OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS



50 Years
Tony Forster and wife
Angela with Diane
Quarrie.



50 Years
Doug Pinker and Diane.



50 Years
Monty Scarborough and
wife Pauline with Diane.



35 Years
Bob Pickering receives his pin from Diane.



25 Years
John Shennan proudly receives his pin and followed up with some nice words about being a member of the club.



25 Years
Dave & Christine Wight receive their 25 year badges from Glenn Morris on behalf of the branch and Diane Quarrie.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

In March Shaaran and I attended the Executive Meeting in Christchurch. The meeting was held over 2 days at the Canterbury Branch Clubrooms and the format was very successful. Branch Clubrooms made for a more cost effective and less formal atmosphere, the 2 days meant we weren't rushing to finish the meeting and there was plenty of time to socialise and talk with other branches about what's happening in their part of the country.

Please see my Delegate's report later in this Bulletin and do watch out for your next Beaded Wheels label – it should have reverted to addressing both joint members.

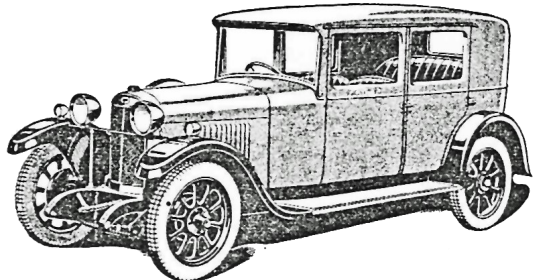
Remember there is plenty of VCC activity to join in right now, both within the branch and with branches neighbouring and afar. Look for the weekly email letting you know what's coming up. We would love to see you at the clubrooms and on club runs.

From the committee table:

- We continue to tighten up on security at the clubrooms, the latest being a review of the security alarm system.
- The National Veteran Rally was a success and the fundraising done on one of the evening functions was matched by the New Lynn RSA and sent to the Hawke's Bay Flood Relief Fund.
- Shaaran and I have met with the cleaners to talk through our expectations in this space, one point agreed on is that the cleaners need the clubrooms to be empty when they clean and we wish for Thursday afternoon to remain as "cleaning day". This means that the library and spares teams will be closing up at 12 noon so don't be offended if you get a hurry up from either team. Both the library and spares are open from 9.30am, so if you are wanting to visit on a Thursday make sure it is the morning.

The AGM is now only 3 months away, please give some thought as to whether you would like to be part of the branch committee or perhaps you know of a suitable candidate? Also have a think about what you would like to see start, stop or continue? The AGM is the perfect time to raise ideas, presenting to a broad range of members.

Thanks
Tracey



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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A short report from me this month.

John Stokes' Veteran meetings continue to get good attendance and there was excellent feedback from those that had attended the National Veteran Rally that Auckland branch hosted in February.

The Mid-week Tourers continue to pull good numbers at their monthly jaunts – see their notes.

Martin's motorcycle meeting was well attended, even after he had to quickly find a replacement speaker. It was a great meeting. See his report.

The monthly club night was attended by 26 people. For those that didn't attend you missed an excellent night where our guest speaker spoke about the NZ Trekka. A great slide show was presented and some very interesting facts given.

The Vintage Section meetings continue getting good turn outs. *Vintage Section*, please remember to get your **VINTAGE MUSTER entry forms in as soon as possible**. The rally will be starting in Drury and finishing in between Pukekohe and Bombay which gives everyone easy access onto the motorways for their journey home.

A number of our members have attended 'One Make' rallies during the month. Rodger & Val Ball, Jocelyn & Russel McAlpine and Glenn & Marion Morris went down to the Model A Rally in the South Island. However they made a real holiday of the event touring down South for nearly a month. Shaaran and Alan Price have been to the South Island too, attending the Jowett Rally.

See Murray & Penny Firth's report, in this Bulletin, on their adventure on this year's Veteran & Vintage Tour. And finally, several of our members attended the Monga Moana rally just last weekend.

Please see Tracey's report on the Executive Meeting that she and Shaaran attended – makes for interesting read.

Why was there no club run this month some of you have asked... The answer is I have simply run out of puff after 5½ years plotting, checking rally routes, organising interesting places to finish at, all for 6-8 vehicles to turn out for them. I have always tried to make sure we finish somewhere interesting and to stay off of the main roads. So, if you are interested in planning a club run or have ideas as to what we can do to get more of you out, please let me know?

We also have the added bonus of Jodi sending us weekly updates, first thing on Monday morning, reminding us of what is on that week, so please join in?

Keep those 2,3 and 4 wheels turning safely

Lynda Spicer



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VETERAN NOTES

At this month's meeting we had about fifteen people present, with apologies from Roy Sharman and Barry Birchall. David Lane represented North Shore branch and Grant Stott represented Wellsford.

Barry Robert was unable to get a WOF inspection because of the bad weather for much of February. There was some discussion about the supply of 30 x 3 1/2" beaded edge tyres.

Gavin Welch had the horn detach from his Model T and has taken it to a musical instrument repairer in Glenfield for "panel beating"?

Phil Henley produced a beautifully illustrated brochure for vintage AC cars. The quality of this would just about rival some of the Rolls Royce brochures in the library collection and Phil donated the AC one to the library.

Grant Stott has had some eye issues, but these are being resolved.

Denis Lowe brought a cartridge of very tacky FUCHS grease which may be useful in some veteran vehicle applications. He also brought a number of veteran period photos.

Paul Muir gave an extensive report on the National Model T Ford rally. This event covered much of the South Island From Oamaru to Taieri Mouth, North Dunedin, Cromwell, Lindis, Twizel and St Andrews to name some areas visited. Paul is going to organise the 2026 National Model T Rally.

A week after the National Veteran Rally the Charabanc was returned to the clubrooms, three petrol blockages from Manurewa on made the trip "interesting".

Barry Birchall's 1912 Cadillac also had an "interesting" trip home.

David Lane lost a sidelight off his model T Speedster, he recovered it with no damage done.

Kit Maxwell's 1913 Maxwell Six is running well again following the replacement of a valve seat, a tricky job in a non detachable cylinder head. Kit intends to sell the car as he and Rena intend to downsize.

Sad stuff, I recently attended the North Shore branches fiftieth anniversary celebration, in the parts shed was a complete but rough 1916 Overland Model 75 engine, what to do with it? There are very few of these cars surviving, the Willys Overland Knight registry lists about thirty mainly in the USA/Canada. There maybe one or two here, but I don't have contact with the owners, it would be too expensive to ship offshore, so sadly it may soon be on a trip to the scrappy.

That's it for this month.

Regards
John

With a very good attendance at our meeting this month, we are hopeful of an equally good turnout for the upcoming Vintage Muster?!

John Towers is continuing to work on the bodywork of the Humber and examples of his handiwork with a hammer and dolly were admired. He is using a product called Novol to restore his fragile mudguards and is very pleased with the results.

Arthur Atkins loaned Penny and myself the LED headlight bulbs from his DeSoto, and we used them a couple of times in the Bedford on our recent Veteran & Vintage adventure. They were very good, and when we get our own from the UK, I will not be so apprehensive about driving the old girl at night anymore.

Trevor Farr has had an electrical fault in the Model A which affected the battery charging. Although the suspect was the generator, the fault was found to be in the regulator, and soon fixed.

Richard Green's 1930 Rolls Royce was almost completely submerged in the recent floods, and he has been involved in some quite stressful negotiations with the insurer. The car is in the process of being completely stripped down and rebuilt – a very expensive and time consuming task. Eventually, the insurance company made an offer that Richard was able to accept. The problems revolve around how to value our old cars, and there was some discussion on this topic.

John Stokes has had a rock smash his windscreen – not for the first time.

David Goryl was also flooded, as were the Dewhursts, and while no cars were damaged, the water went right through Norm and Pat's home doing considerable damage, including the computer with all their correspondence records.

Don Johnson was able to help someone with a leaking petrol tank the other day. An old trick – rub soap on the leak. There is also a tape now available that works on any leak – petrol, oil, or water, and even sticks on a wet surface.

Brian Williams', plotter of the Gisborne branch's Three Rivers Rally that Penny and I took part in, his 1930 Nash has a broken muck metal casting on the gearbox end of his speedo cable and was looking for advice.

Tim Gray was also having charging problems on his Model T. He has now mastered the adjustment of the little brush on a three brush generator.

Neil Bieleski has a broken carbon brush in the magneto of his Renault, and is somehow going to have to fashion a new one.

On a lighter note, Neil Lucas thinks he has sealed off his storage area sufficiently to exclude the pigeons that have been leaving unwelcome deposits on his cars.

Murray & Penny

MOTORCYCLE NOTES

We arrived at 1.30pm to find our guest speaker Peter Lodge and wife and chief pit boss Janice waiting. We opened up and Peter unloaded his brilliant and world famous Norton ES2 race bike. The Norton was set up in the clubrooms for all to view during the meeting.

Then came the sound of bikes arriving and members chatting in the backyard. There was a varied selection of bikes parked up. The meeting started at 2.30pm with over 60 in attendance, including a number of faces we hadn't seen for some time. As per usual the meeting was opened with a 'Dad' joke.

Visitors to the meeting this month were Paul Taylor, Peter Lovett, Peter Mayor, Graeme Banks, and Andy Gourlay.

Reports

- Martin advised that the recent Brits & Euro Classic Car show was a great success with no less than 11,000 people in attendance to see 1,100 vehicles.
- Don Green reported on the recent Jam Pot Rally held at Clarke's Beach motor camp. The rally was well attended, and the Awhitu Peninsula ride was most enjoyable. Don also attended the National Veteran Rally, hosted by our branch in Tuakau. Don rode his 1916 Triumph.
- The BSA club rally was held in Rotorua late last month with 26 riders converging from all over the North Island.
- Martin asked if anyone had any suggestions for a venue for the Auckland motorcycle rally this year in November as the Port Waikato school camp is fully booked sadly. Please contact Martin if you have a possible venue in mind?

Coming Up

- Next month's meeting will now start at **11 am** due to a number of people going to the John Hartles Memorial Ride to be held at Inia Taylors' church with a ride out to Shelly Beach followed by a Hangi back at the church.
- Martin has a bike run organised for Saturday April 29th leaving the Jolly Farmer at 11 am and riding to view a large motorcycle collection in Whitford.

General Business

- It was mentioned that the 50, 35 and 25-year membership awards were presented last Saturday afternoon. It was nice to have our National President Diane Quarrie visit and present these awards, hearing the 50 year recipient's citations was very impressive .
- Lynda spoke to us about Club activities, reminding everyone to take every opportunity to support the club by taking part. They are organised for our enjoyment.

Guest Speaker

Everyone gave Peter Lodge of Norton race bike fame a very warm welcome. Peter had brought along his Norton ES2 Race bike for everyone to see. Peter's bike is a real credit to him and his team, being one of the fastest push-rod machines competing in the

world. The bike has performed astonishingly well both here, in Australia and at the Isle of Man. Weighing in at 120 kg with 60 bhp and cracking 134 mph.

In the senior race at the Isle of Man the Norton, with its Irish rider Mike Browne, finished 3rd with a lap time of 110 mph. Mike also won the 250cc race on a Yamaha. Mike has adjusted extremely well to the bike according to Peter and has recorded some impressive wins.

Peter says the secret with pre-1963 race bikes is to keep the engine as cool as possible. To achieve this, he's had the magnesium barrel and head cast with additional fins, along with the engine oil running through the frame to further cool the engine.

The team's recent assault on the Isle of Man over the two weeks with the Norton was a great experience. Peter is making plans to go back again in August.

Mike Browne also raced the Norton at the final Pukekohe Classic Festival in February, he was narrowly beaten by a wheel in his first ever race at the circuit, but then he won all his remaining races.

The meeting ended with a rousing applause for Peter, thanking him for his enlightening and entertaining presentation and for bringing along the impressive ES2 Norton.

Martin Spicer and stand-in scribe John Shennan



MID-WEEK TOURERS

Last month Neil Bielecki organised a well supported run to the home of John and Marion Towers. We were there, but only as back seat passengers, (that way I saw country totally new, and enjoyed it.) There must have been at least 20 cars, and as far as I know, everyone finished. We were late starting and finishing due to the car objecting strongly to being filled with diesel at the start. Lesson learnt!

The route took us close to Lyons Rd, then back through Hunua and over that aptly named Sky High Rd, through Clevedon and Whitford, then over Sandstone Rd finishing in Redoubt Rd. All familiar territory, and just beautiful on a fine summers day. Yes, it was Summer that day!

John Towers is not only an artist, he has a shed to dream of, some of his art displayed, along with multiple Chev's, mainly from 1929 to 1939, plus one or two others including a restoration in progress of a mid twenties Humber saloon.

Marion is a genealogist of some note. There was the bonus of hot drinks, cakes, and barbecued sausages. Well done, John and Marion, can we come again? 😊 Thank you also, Neil, for your input in organising the day, your ability here is known and respected.

Coming Events

April Wednesday 19th

Starting from The Warehouse car park, Old Westgate. 10-00 am for a 10-30 am departure. Jack will (once again) be trying for a long postponed run to a collection in the Riverhead Silverdale area. BYO everything.

May Wednesday 17th

Starts from the BP Service Centre, Southern Motorway, Drury. A longer run than usual, finishing at the Kaihere School. The earlier venue was to have been the Ngatea Watergardens, but this has turned out to be impractical this month, so is on hold until Summer. **The start time is likely to be 9-30 am, departing at 10-00 am** (TBC), due to the longer distance. BYO lunch, but hot drinks will be supplied. It is likely there will be a collection for a Koha to the School.

Overnight Tour

Starting with the above May run, this will carry on after lunch at the School. There are still vacancies, but the Okoroire Hotel have advised that they cannot hold them for much longer. There are other alternatives, contact dewdrops@xtra.co.nz for further info.

June Wednesday 21st

Should be a Westgate start, Jack will be away, have we any volunteers?

Your mid-week Team



REMINDER - WE'RE GOING DIGITAL

A reminder that the Bulletin will be in digital format only from 1st June.

If you DO NOT have an email account, please contact us as soon as possible?

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Thank you
Jodi & Your Committee

2023 NATIONAL VETERAN RUN

I knew when it was first suggested that we organise another National Veteran Rally in Auckland, we had to look for a venue in South Auckland, away from the busy roads. We looked at several sites over many months before we settled on La Valla just outside Tuakau. Then quite by accident, one day, we discovered Tuakau was now in the Waikato.

The pluses with La Valla were that all the evening meals could be on site, there was some accommodation there with the balance at the Tuakau Hotel was close by. La Valla had ample parking for the trailers, lovely grounds which we could use each day to start and finish the runs, a licenced bar, a picture theatre and massive grounds that would even accommodate the gymkhana. We were surprised when we were told they had sixty-seven staff working from there and had previously catered for 500 people one night. The kitchen also supplies a lot of schools in South Auckland with lunches each day. We made a number of trips there in the months leading up to the event and the venue grew on us more and more with each visit, we knew we had made the right decision.

La Valla did have a minimum number for meals and then a maximum number for vehicles in the grounds, so to get the numbers, we had to have a good advertising campaign and at the same time keep it low key. I had once organised a run for the Horseless Carriage Club a number of years ago from London Road to Brighton Street. At the time I made a list of anybody who had a motorable veteran in the Auckland area. When I looked at my list I could see many had passed on, but I also knew more people in the Auckland area had acquired veterans. What I hadn't realised was that half the veteran vehicles in Auckland were now with people outside the car clubs and the new owners had never driven the vehicles. We sent out newsletters, sent out many emails and made lots of phone calls and after a lot of work finished up with 50 entries.

The event was also being organised to mark the 50th Auckland Veteran Run. During planning I had looked back at all the veteran runs over last fifty years organised by the VCC in Auckland. I could see that where someone had done something different and where they took the event away from the city numbers increased. In the late 1990s the numbers had peaked at 33 entrants and in more recent years come down to about 18 entrants. John Stokes and Norm Dewhurst had organised more runs than anybody else and for those efforts we are grateful. The last National Veteran Run in Auckland in 2007 had 40 entrants.

As the entries started to arrive, we were pleased to see an entry from someone who had never been on a veteran rally, we were to see quite a few more too. I'd hoped for a few more motorbikes but it did not happen sadly.

For me there were a few new challenges. I have organised major tours before, both here and overseas, for old car people but it was fifty years since I had organised a competitive run of any sort and I had never organised a gymkhana, or a concours or had trophies to deal with. Nobody had told us there was also a set of rules for a National Rally and I learnt about those rules from a team in Wanaka who had organised the previous rally.

My wife Nicola, who was rally secretary had to join the club. However, it did mean there was some free advertising in Beaded Wheels and some sponsorship that we really needed. I then could see we had to recruit a lot of marshals to assist, again something I had not done before. I really appreciate all those who put up their hand to help, thank you.

We had a short and long run each day and John Stokes plotted the runs and John Morrison checked the runs with a little help from yours truly. The event started on Friday morning with breakfast at La Valla. We had lunch at Maxwells Golf Retreat in Ramarama that day. The short run skirted around the base of the Bombay Hills. The long run went over the Razorback and into the Hunuas. When we returned to La Valla the skies opened up and it was a very wet gymkhana for some.

I must thank Wayne Roberts, John Campbell, Roger Morrison, and Don Johnston who stayed there until the end and got very wet. Tracey Winterbottom had volunteered to provide a barbecue Friday night, with help from others, that went down well. After the barbecue we went to the theatre to see the great old film Out of Africa.

Day two was a competitive day and both runs went out to Port Waikato. The short run going before lunch and the long run going after lunch. The lunch was in an old hall on the Port Waikato Road and lunch was provided by the Onewhero School to raise funds for the Kapa haka group. The Kapa haka group entertained us with song and dance while we were having lunch and I must say I thought it was one of the highlights of the rally.

To assist us in finding a winner that day we also had a set of questions and only our leader from Hastings got them all right. When the vehicles returned to La Valla some were judged for concours, with Peter Wood and Neil Beckenham making the final decision. Rodger Ball looked after the results of the timed run, the gymkhana and the questionnaire and sorted out a winner for us. In the evening we had a very different evening at La Valla, we had a fund raiser, a wheel and some donated prizes to raise money for the flood relief in the Hawke's Bay. Mike Courtney spun the wheel for us, he did a great job, we ended up raising just over \$2,100.

Day three was the run to Waiuku. Once there our vehicles became a public display outside the Kentish Hotel while we dined inside. After lunch, many walked over to the tractor museum and then on a shorter route drove back to La Valla.

In the evening it was more fine food at La Valla followed by the main prizegiving. There has now been 21 National Veteran Runs, with only 5 in the North Island, so I just hope someone else from the North Island takes up the challenge and steps forward and organises another National Veteran Run.

I want to thank my good wife Nicola who spent hours recording minutes, confirming menus, producing newsletters and producing the great handbook. John Stokes and John Morrison who spent hours plotting and checking runs and Alastair Moffat who kept track of the money.

I must also thank our main sponsor Vero, who paid the ground hire at La Valla and assisted us with prizes. Thanks to OTS who provided a tow truck free of charge to pick up anybody with mechanical issues, Sticky Ticky who did the design work for us at no cost, Derk Schoemaker who took thousands of great photos, CRC, Repco, Herb Morgan, Drive Shaft, Ray White, and John Morrison who assisted us with prizes or items for the rally packs.

The trophies went to the following people.

Ian McLean Trophy for Overall Winner: Ben Porter -1913 Model T Ford

William McLean Trophy for Entrants' Choice: Kelvin Healey - 1912 Sunbeam

National Veteran Rally Achievement award: Peter LeGros - 1900 Locomobile Steamer

Team Award: David Oliver, David Lane, and Monty Scarborough all in Model T Fords.

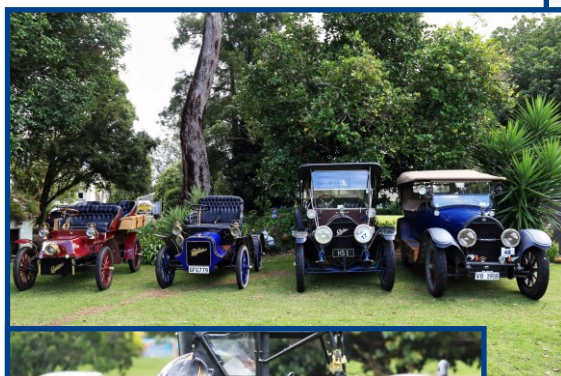
The Conlon Trophy for the Concours Winner: John Morrison - 1908 Sears Auto Buggy.

Auckland Veteran and Vintage Car Club Cup: Paul Brisden - 1911 Model T Ford

Prizes were also presented to Geoff Quarrie for longest distance trailered and to Laurie Cocker for longest distance driven (this was worked out on an age milage formula).

Thank you

Barry Birchall





WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE CLUB BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS?



We're building a list of members who would be able to assist with projects around the clubrooms as they pop up. We could still do with a few more names...

If you are prepared to lend a hand, please contact Russel McAlpine to be added to the list? Let's know your details and any expertise you may have (not a requirement as any sort of helping hand is a good one)?

Phone: 0274735451 or Email rjmc Alpine@xtra.co.nz

THANKS
Russel



VETERAN & VINTAGE TOUR 2023

Penny and I recently took part in this tour, a biennial event. This year it was in the North Island and ably plotted and run by Phil and Coral Kidd. A BBQ to introduce the 9 participating crews was held in their lovely home in Upper Hutt. The North Island flooding had already eliminated three cars, and the Hick's Austin 12/4 blew a head gasket climbing the Rimutaka Hill on the first day. Michael Taylor in his 1930 Packard accompanied us for one day but then had to leave on other business. All the others, an Essex, a Graham Paige, a Dodge, two Model A Fords, a Chrysler, and us in the Bedford truck, completed the tour.

The tour was an exploration of the many varied and beautiful landscapes in the remote corners of the lower North Island.

Starting in the Wairarapa, based in Masterton, we travelled the hill country to the East, had a visit to Wairarapa VCC stalwart, Francis Pointon's extensive collection of cars, old garage equipment, and his late wife's collection of vintage clothing, and did a run out to Riversdale Beach for lunch. The route to Dannevirke took us through Pongaroa, and then Towai Road over the very top of the Wairarapa at around 650 metres. A slow, twisty road, but with views out over the Pacific Ocean.

Then over the Ruahine Range through the wind farm to the Manawatu and up to Hunterville, to follow the Turakina Valley road though incredibly steep broken country with the road virtually benched into the bluffs and the river out of sight in the gorge far below, and then on to Ohakune for the night.

Ohakune to Taumarunui started in fog, which turned to rain and a visit to Horopito Motors (Smash Palace) for some, and past a large area of mature pine plantation which had been totally destroyed by the recent cyclone. In Taumarunui we visited the old Railways goods shed, which now houses an extensive model railway, a steam roller, a traction engine and a huge Railways steam crane. For our lay day in Taumarunui, some did the Rail Trail, some explored little King Country roads, and some did minor running repairs to old cars.

Our final day took us down the Whanganui River Road to Whanganui where we were given a comprehensive tour of the city in a London double decker bus, which then delivered us to our final dinner destination.

Thanks to the Kidds this was a week of fine vintage motoring on classic little roads through beautiful scenery. The company was great and we had time to get to know each other. We are all now looking forward to the next V & V Tour in the South Island in two years' time.

Murray and Penny Firth



ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

March

23rd – Club Night

It was a great evening with a good number of people coming out to listen to Todd Niall and his encyclopaedic knowledge of the “World Famous in New Zealand” (and beyond) Trekka. We heard how they came to be, thanks to Noel Turner and Phil Andrews, the two men initially behind the marque. Not only was it a great talk, Todd also had an excellent collection of photos of the vehicles and the factory that supported his story. A couple of people were also able to knowledgeably share their own stories of the Trekka years to add even more interest to the evening.



The book “The Trekka Dynasty” can be found in our library. Please also refer to the Library Notes where Richard talks about the evening and the book in more detail.

April

27th - Club Night

A sizable group of our motorcyclists, led by Peter Alderdice, headed to Invercargill for the National Motorcycle Rally and the Burt Munro Festival in February. Peter, along with myself (Jodi), will be telling you all about the adventure plus show some pictorial evidence of our fun journey.

At right—some of the gang on the Molesworth day.

See you @ Club Night!

Jodi on behalf of Russel



Mid-week Tourers' Tour May 2023

aka The 2 Autobahn cafes run, only 8 miles apart, but
We'll do it our way! (3 days and 300 miles apart.)

It may be called a "Mid-week Tourers" run, but mid-weekers are just *members*. This event is open to every member of our club. If you are interested, and have three days to spare (or even one day for the water garden bit) and enjoy your club motoring, then please join us.

- ◆ Starting on **Wednesday 17th May**, in conjunction with our usual monthly Mid-week run.
- ◆ First stop, the **Ngatea Water Gardens**, (BYO lunch)
- ◆ The overnights carry on via Tahuna, Mangateparu, Kereone, Hinuera, to the Okoroire Hot Springs hotel for a 2 night stay.
- ◆ **Thursday** is a free day, there's a private Golf course, Hobbiton, two museums, antique shopping, hot mineral pools, take your choice.
- ◆ **Friday** we return via Arapuni, Kihikihi, Pirongia, Waitetuna, Glen Murray, Bombay.

There will be as few main roads as possible, some "pioneering" roads will be used. The usual Mid-week format, non- competitive touring, enjoyable vintage motoring over quiet vintage roads, with good company, new country (for some of us) and some attractions thrown in.

The Okoroire Hotel is a popular heritage hotel where we can relax, it has a good restaurant and they are looking forward to welcoming us. They still have rooms available, but please advise us asap if you require a room, you do not want to miss out!

Contact Norm & Pat - dewdrops@xtra.co.nz



MARCH EXECUTIVE MEETING SUMMARY

Next International Vero Rally

3 bids have been received and are being assessed – Waikato, Hawke's Bay and Nelson

National Rally Bids

2025 Motorcycle Rally	Manawatu
2027 Motorcycle Rally	South Canterbury
2024 National Vintage Rally	Marlborough (5 – 8 Feb)
2025 Veteran Rally	Marlborough

Membership Stats

80.4% of the membership are over 60, 54.5% are over 70

Changes have been made to transfer and membership approval systems to streamline and take out unnecessary and time consuming steps.

Some discussion around privacy, suppressed membership and how this is asked of people on the application form. If you want to check your membership details and whether they are all or partly suppressed please contact me. Note you don't have to suppress all your details.

Management

A number of the management committee are standing down this year, after many years of service. Diane Quarrie, Kaaren Smylie, Alon Mayhew, Tony Haycock, Tony Bartlett are all standing down.

Diane has nominated George Kear for National President, George is a Canterbury member and well known in the South Island.

Technical Committee

The technical Code is being rewritten and will be available on line, the streamlined code is down to 20 pages from around 90. The VIC application form will also be web based in the near future.

12 month WOFs edge closer (albeit slowly) but it is expected we will get there.

LVTA

Tony Johnson spoke to the meeting on the role the LVVTA plays in setting the code for Low Volume Vehicles and some of the difficulties now being faced in classifying some vehicles that are coming into the country. The good news is that the LVVTA are now working on a new code for repair certification and pre 1990 vehicles will be in a separate category, the plan is to have a robust system with clear guidelines and approved certifiers so vehicles are safe but that should remove the reasons for the examples we all hear of from time to time where certifiers have asked for the ridiculous such as stripping back paint work to bare metal to assess repairs. Check out the LVVTA website to stay up to date www.lvvt.org.nz

NZ FOMC

Gary Jackson, spoke to the meeting regarding the major research project the FOMC are currently preparing to undertake to assess the dollar impact of our hobby in NZ. They are planning to reach all car enthusiast groups in the country. A similar exercise in the UK determined the "old car movement" brought in excess of £40 million per annum to the economy. Money

talks and to be able to knowledgably talk to the financial impact of our hobby to the country gives us much more weight and kudos when negotiating a position with government bodies.

National Daffodil Day

When the first National Day was put into motion, we said we would review after 3 years whether we continued to support the NZ Cancer society or look to another Charity. While there were other charities offered up as worthy causes there are many reasons to continue to support the Cancer Society and the majority voted to continue to support this charity. Diane and Kaaren have met with the Cancer Society to discuss and ensure that the VCC is getting exposure across the country. Some branches have developed really close connections with their local society. Easier done in the smaller regions but definitely an area that I believe Auckland as a branch can do a lot better at.

Are there any volunteers out there who could co-ordinate our branch Daffodil Day Event/s?

Membership Awards

After some discussion the clear majority was for our current membership award system to remain as is.

Constitution

There was discussion on this and some branches are questioning the need for change and have had their own legal opinion to say we do not need to change the current structure with the law changes.

Legal need or not, it is time for overhaul (this is my personal view). We broke into smaller groups to discuss the various questions in the discussion paper and record our views. The group that Shaaran and I were in had 4 branches and we were all fairly unanimous in our thoughts. There is still much to do in this space but it is clear that after the workshop and talking to other branches over the weekend; adequate regional representation, a fixed term, and ensuring the weight is still with the general membership were very important to most.

Heritage Awards

Esther Smith from Hawke's Bay Branch spoke about the application made by the Hawke's Bay Branch for a Heritage Award with the work and presence they have at Art Deco. Food for thought – what opportunities are there in the Auckland area where we can promote and get more visibility for the VCC.

This is a top line summary of what was a great weekend with plenty of opportunity to talk to the delegates from all branches. If you are interested in knowing more, getting a copy of reports or just having a chat to let me know what's on your mind, please get in touch or come and see me at club events.

Tracey

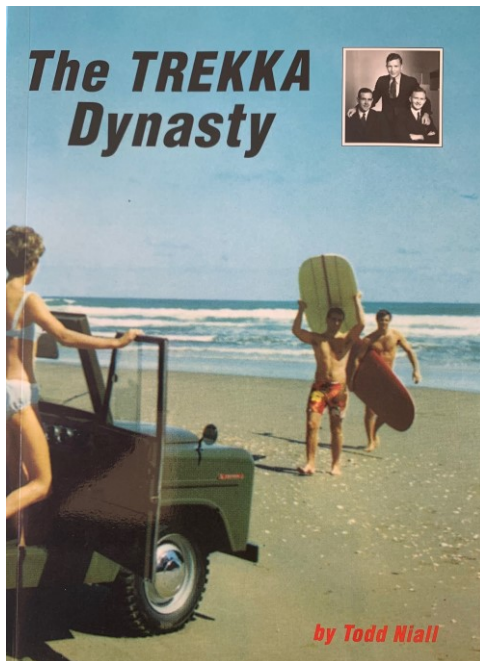
LIBRARY NOTES

At the recent club-night we were very fortunate to have a very interesting illustrated presentation from award-winning journalist and author, Todd Niall, on the birth and decline of the infamous Trekka. Based on much of the information in his book *THE TREKKA DYNASTY*, Todd took us through the rise of the anti-establishment motor empire of the Turner family and their struggle in the 1960's to create New Zealand's first and only mass-produced motor vehicle.

His book is in the **NZ section** of the club library (and he very generously donated a second copy) and is an important record of social history, mixed with motor industry nostalgia about the once flourishing but now extinct motor assembly industry. This is a fairly colourful and interesting story of espionage, politics, business, history and hunting and farming, it illustrates how this geeky utility vehicle became a product of its time. The book is a very interesting read and Todd, while employed by RNZ, combined significant research from official government archives, with the recollections and material of those who were a part of this strange and unlikely automotive adventure, into a fascinating tale.

This story begins back at the start of the 1900s in rural England, tracing the origins of the two brothers and their step dad, who, along with their mother would end up in New Zealand. The family start off by importing Bradfords from the UK, then after that company failed they eventually turned to Wolfsburg in post war Germany, to meet demand by importing Volkswagens, negotiating a deal to assemble VWs in their Otahuhu plant, which was the former Passenger Transport Company bus depot. At that time, the New Zealand government pursued a host protectionist policies and incentives to boost local manufacturing. With tight import licensing, and the myriad of controls, successive governments created the most distorted new car market in the western world. All factors converged in the 1960's to give birth to the Trekka, an awkward jeep-like vehicle with Kiwi body and a communist engine and chassis. In 1966 the first Trekka rolled off the production line, with examples destined for the Vietnam War,

neighbouring Australia, and incredibly, a promising export market in Indonesia. For a time, a new motor vehicle was finally within the grasp of nearly every New Zealander for a mere 10% deposit and absolutely no requirement to have access to funds in foreign currency. Some 2,500 were built between 1966 and 1973. Only a few dozen remain roadworthy, but more recently they have become something of a cult symbol.



More than a car story, it's a long-forgotten chapter of New Zealand history THE TREKKA DYNASTY tells the story not only of a country's industrial ambition, and fortunes of the wheeling-and-dealing Turner family, but also the social history of the government's attempts to manage New Zealand's balance of trade with the rest of the world with savage import license control, and even the paranoia of the Cold war era, in which even car manufacturers became 'subjects of interest' for spies. There is no shortage of colourful and memorable characters; Margaret Philips was one interesting and highly disgruntled customer, who went onto found the Trekka Trials, Troubles, and Tribulations Club and toured the country showing off her useless Trekka, which infuriated the Turners.

The book is very well illustrated makes truly fascinating reading. Highly recommended!
The Library team

Nomination Form For the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

Members of the Auckland Veteran & Vintage Car Club (Inc) are invited to nominate a fellow member for this Annual Award. The nomination should be for any member that they regard as having been involved in a significant event. It may be a particularly memorable motoring journey, an important historical article or series of articles published or some special service to the Branch. This trophy will be awarded at the Branch AGM in June.

We wish to nominate: _____

For the Bill Shears Memorial Trophy

Proposer

Seconder

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Details of the accomplishment and supporting information:

Please submit to the Secretary, Tracey Winterbottom **by 31 May 2022.**

By email: Auckland@vcc.org.nz

By post: P O Box 12 138, Penrose, Auckland 1642

2023 BRIT & EURO CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny in Pokeno. Lynda and I, plus grand kids Riley and Isabella, loaded up the bike trailer with my BSA Golden Flash and BSA D3 Bantam ready to set off for The Brit & Euro Classic Car Show, being held at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga.

We arrived around 9am and set up the marquee, table and chairs and our branch banners. We had 14 motorcycles on display. The show opened at 9.30am. There was a huge turnout of people coming through.

We gave out a number of old editions of Beaded Wheels to interested people, we also had around 5 people asking about joining the Club. Due to the recent wet weather some areas of the park were taped off as the ground was just too soft for cars to park on.

We saw a number of our branch members there with cars on display and others who were just looking over the amazing number of cars on show. We were told it was over 1,100 cars plus our motorcycles!

Around lunch time the Ardmore War Birds had a flying display over the park. We saw Bill Hohepa going around the show interviewing car owners for his Face TV car show.

The Jaguar Car Club had a very big selection of varying models from the first SS100 up to the latest cars available. The Mini Club also had a very large selection of various models on display.

At our stand we had a 750 Norton Commando, 600 Panther Model 100, 150 BSA Bantam, a 1950's 196cc Excelsior, 650 BSA Golden Flash, 500 Triumph Speed Twin, 1000 Vincent, Triumph Rocket 3, Aprilia Tuareg 660, Ducati V twin, 650 Royal Enfield, Vespa scooter and a 500 Matchless G9.

This show is said to be the largest free event in Australasia, they estimate around 11,000 people turned up to view the display.

The show closed at 3pm, we packed up and headed back home, after a great day in the sunshine.

Martin & Lynda Spicer



SPARES DEPT.

The Parts Team are very pleased at the number of club members visiting us in the barn every Thursday morning. On some occasions we have struggled to find enough cups for the number of visitors joining us for smoko at 10.30am.

It is most unusual for any of our visitors not to leave with a few items from our free "GOODIES" cabinet which has fresh items added every week.

Please accept our apology for not having any pics for the month's bulletin as the photographer got so involved with sorting parts that taking pics got forgotten.

This month we found new front suspension ball joint kits for Mk2 Jaguar and also new blank balls for steering use in pre-war vehicles.

We remind club members that our prices are super friendly, and that the parts boys are looking forward to your next visit!

The Spares Team

There is still time to enter the

VINTAGE MUSTER

Sunday, 30th April

**Come on vintagents, enjoy some fun rural motoring.
Entry Form attached to this Bulletin's email!**

A most sincere welcome is extended to the following new members. We hope to see you taking an active part in Branch activities whenever possible. Should you require any assistance or advice, please feel free to ask any Committee member?

Rory Burdon
Sandringham

Matthew Metcalfe
Epsom
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